



## KEEP THE FLAG FLYING

Afro-American Dentists Organize

On Wednesday night, October 31st, a meeting was called of all the colored dentists in the District for the purpose of organizing a District association. Nearly all of those interested were present. Dr. W. S. Lofton was elected president pro tem and a committee was appointed for the purpose of drafting a constitution and by-laws for the proposed association. Dr. T. A. Campbell was appointed president of that committee. Great credit is due Dr. Camp



DR. W. S. LOFTON.

bell for his efforts in this direction as it was at his instance that the meeting was convened. He is at present Demonstrator in chief of the Dental Department of Howard University, and his enterprise and intelligence have raised that department to a state of proficiency it never before attained. The following gentlemen were present: Drs. W. S. Lofton, C. O. Fry, A. J. Gwathney, C. Cray, T. Melkle, W. S. Naylor, A. Waring, W. Onby, S. Wormley, T. A. Campbell. We wish the gentlemen every success in their efforts to establish an association and hope that it will be a power for good among the fraternity.

Tuskegee Ala., Notes.

Rev. R. C. Bedford, secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Tuskegee Institute, arrived at the institution this week. He is an influential supporter of school. His work at the North in the interest of Tuskegee has been of much help to the institution. Three Northern capitalists visited Tuskegee last week for the purpose of securing information with the view of establishing a cotton mill near Tuskegee to be operated wholly by colored operatives. They expressed themselves as being pleased with what they saw at Tuskegee. A regular course of lectures is provided for the students of the Phelps Hall Bible Training School of the institution. In this course a number of the most representative prelates in the country speak each year. Dr. C. O. Boothe of Selma Ala., is delivering the first of the series at this time. JCU.

## THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE.

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ored clubs should work independently of the whites" and gave reasons showing why such a statement would be erroneous.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Smiley have issued invitations to a dance for Nov. 28, at Cental Hall. The invitations are liberally distributed owing to the object of the occasion, being to secure funds to purchase an organ for St. Thomas Episcopal Church. The admission is one dollar and no doubt every invitation will be responded to. Mr. and Mrs. Smiley's entertainments are always of the most pleasing nature, and every one is glad when the proper season comes for them. Mr. Smiley is a wealthy man and holds the highest rank in the catering business in Chicago, while his beautiful home in 22nd street is the scene of many charming social gatherings.

Speaking of the kindergarten connected with the Institutional church, she called attention to the fact that though in a Negro settlement and managed by Negroes we were obliged to hire a white corps of instructors after searching in vain among our own people. Concluding she said, "In the South where nine-tenths of our own people dwell and where the kindergarten must be established for it is through the kindergarten the 'Race Problem' is to be solved, there is a large field for our young women who are willing to make the sacrifice and become competent kindergarten instructors.

Mrs. Johanna Thraikeld, a colored lady, won her suit against the city of Chicago, and was awarded \$2750 damages, on account of injuries received by her on the night of March 24th, 1896, by falling on the sidewalk in front of 5044 Dearborn street. She received a permanent fracture of the left ankle and through the careful attendance of her physician, Dr. J. N. Croker she finally became able to pend the above said suit. The attorney in the case was Mr. W. G. Anderson, a young and prosperous lawyer of this city. He was assisted in the trial of the case by Hon. E. H. Morris. Mr. Anderson merits every encomium said of him as he has proven himself to be conscientious in his methods of dealing with the law and for a young lawyer his record is second to none.

Big Revival at the People's Church, L and 6th Streets, Northwest.

The revival now in progress at the above named church conducted by Rev. James Wharton the well known English evangelist who has been laboring for the last 24 years in our southern churches is nightly increasing in interest. Every night since the commencement a number of mourners are to be found, many of whom have already professed faith in Christ and are rejoicing in their new found change of heart. While the addresses are of the most solemn and subduing character and delivered to an attentive audience making a deep impression on the unregenerate, yet the services are of an especial lively nature which makes all feel that the time allotted for the service is but too short wherein to work for those we are interested in. The church with its pastor, officers and members is receiving fresh baptism of the Spirit for which they have long prayed and for which we are all heartily thankful to our Heavenly Father.

REV. T. M. NIXON.

## THE GRAND FOUNTAIN.

# United Order of True Reformers.

ORGANIZED January 1, 1881.

Offices 604, 606 and 608 N. 2nd St., - - Richmond, Va.

An order devoted to the interests of its members, both in their home and business relations. We offer you an opportunity for gilt edged business investment, in enterprises owned and controlled by the Order and managed by colored men, who are members of the Order.

If you are sound in health and mind, of good moral character, not younger than three (3) years nor older than sixty (60) you are eligible to membership. There are two Fountains, the Subordinate and the Rosebud.

### SUBORDINATE FOUNTAINS.

To join the Subordinate Fountain you must be between 14 and 16 years of age. You pay \$4.60 to \$6.60 (according to age,) as joining fee. If you live in the country you pay 35 cents per month as dues; if in the city, 50 cents per month. You pay as taxes 80 cents per month.

As Sick Benefits you receive from \$6.00 to \$9.00 per month, in weekly payments.

As Death Benefit, your family receives \$75.00 if you die within a year. After one year the Death Benefit is \$125.00.

### ROSEBUD FOUNTAINS.

To join the Rosebud Fountain you must be between 8 and 14 year of age. You pay \$1.00 either cash or by installments. The monthly dues are either 15 or 25 cents as Fountains may decide. The annual tax is 10 cents. You receive as Sick Benefit from \$1.50 to \$4.00 per month, in weekly payments.

As Death Benefit, your family will be paid \$24.50 if you die within a year. After one year the Death Benefit is \$37.

In the INSURANCE DEPARTMENT, there are Three (3) Classes: -Class B, Class E, and Class M. All dues are payable annually or quarterly.

In Class B, the age limit is 14 to 60 years. Fee, \$2.50 to \$4.25. Annual dues, \$4.75 to \$7.60. The Certificate is valued first year at from \$100 to \$33. After one year, its value is \$200 to \$65.

In Class E, the age limit is 14 to 55 years. Fee, \$5 to \$6.50. Annual dues, \$9.50 to \$11.40. The Certificate is valued first year at from \$250 to \$175. After one year its value is \$500 to \$800.

In Class M, the age limit is 14 to 50 years. Fee \$11 to \$13.50. Annual dues, \$21 to \$25. The certificate is valued from date of issue at from \$1000 to \$700.

You are entitled to a Life Membership in either of the Fountains or in Classe B and E upon purchase of the required amount of Bank stock, which pays a dividend annually of 20 per cent.

The Grand Fountain United Order of True Reformers has paid up to July 29, 1900, a total of 3782 Death Benefits, with a grand total of \$521,264.75, over a HALF MILLION DOLLARS.

THE BANK. - In our Savings Bank the Order has a sound and flourishing institution that is a credit not only to the Order but the race as well. It began business April 3, 1889. The capital stock is \$100,000. The business is the same as that of any other regularly constituted bank, and is surrounded by the same safeguards. The stock sells for \$5.00 a share to members, and pays 20 per cent. dividends. Both time and demand deposits are received and 4 per cent. interest is paid on time deposits. The following is a copy of the Cashier's report to Auditor of Public Accounts of Virginia at close of business Sept., 5, 1900 and shows its flourishing condition: -

### RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts .....	\$8,272 80
Other stock, bonds and mortgages .....	164,423 83
Due from National Banks ...	48,383 22
Banking House .....	14,000 00
Other real estates .....	99,588 00
Furniture and Fixtures .....	6,850 00
Current expenses and taxes paid .....	1,388 99
Specie, nickels and cents ....	12,399 80
Paper currency .....	85,820 00

Total ..... 391,120 84

### LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in .....	\$8,125 00
Surplus fund .....	80,957 81
Undivided profits .....	6,526 80
Demand certificate of deposit .....	96,786 29
Time certificates of deposit .....	118,424 74

Total ..... 391,120 64

The Reformer's Grocery and Feed Store is located at 501 North Sixth St., Richmond, Va., and members of the Order and the public generally are saved 20 per cent. on the cost of food products.

THE REFORMER is the newspaper published by the order from its own office in Richmond, Va. It stands for the voice of the people, representing co-operation and combination of the race and is the Beacon Light, the Headlight, the General Messenger and the General Agent of the Brotherhood. It is \$1.00 per year. A well equipped job office bids for the work of the people, which is turned out in first class style and at low prices.

Six miles from Richmond, in Henrico County, Va., the Order has purchased 634 acres of land, and established thereon an "Old Folk's Home". With unexampled liberality and broad-minded generosity, the Order does not limit entrance to this home to its members alone, nor even to members families, but the doors are opened to the aged and decrepid of the whole race, regardless of their residence or connections. The Order makes itself the trustee for this glorious charity, and calls upon the whole people, black and white, North, East, South and West to assist by their contribution the carrying out of this praiseworthy idea. April 3rd of each year is set apart as a Grand Rally Day for the Home. Contributions can be forwarded to the cashier of the Reformer's Savings Bank, who will send receipt for same and account for it to The Grand Fountain.

Members of the Order and the public, when visiting Richmond, Va., are invited to stop at The Hotel Reformer, 900 North Sixth St. It is in a pleasant and desirable location. Service is of the best and rates are reasonable.

The Real Estate Department manages and controls all property interests of the Order. The Order now owns 13 buildings, 4 farms, 4 dwellings, 1 hotel with a fee simple value of \$122,500. In addition to these the Order leases 13 buildings.

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